

*Amherst Recycling & Refuse Management Committee*

**Meeting Agenda**

January 10, 2013 • Department of Public Works • Conference Room, 4:30-6:00 PM

Attending: Sue Morrello, John Root, Laurel Dickey, Cristina Cox Fernandes, Brenda Davies, Craig Goff (almost-member of the committee), Solomon Goldstein-Rose (Resident & Brown University student), Simon Elliot (Resident & ARHS student), Aaron Hayden (Select Board), Susan Waite (DPW), Guilford Mooring (DPW).

**Unanimous approval of December 2012 minutes as edited.**

**Discuss/approve Landfill Alt subcommittee report**

Sue M. made a motion that (1) anyone who has suggested changes will submit them to Susan in writing within 24 hours, (2) Susan will meet with Craig for additional input (3) Susan and John will do a final revision and will resubmit it to the committee members at least one week prior to the next meeting, and (4) any final comments of a substantive nature will be resubmitted to Susan and John within 48 hours of committee member receipt of the report. Approved unanimously.

**Discuss new Solid Waste Enterprise Fund (SWEF) developments**

Susan's time has been shifted to more direct services to the transfer station in terms of budget analysis (which Sue Morrello has volunteered to help with) and to work with Steve to come up with short and long-term plans to deal with the shortfall in the SWEF.

**Determine specific zero waste rollout strategy**

The first step is to review Lynne Pledger's draft proclamation. Susan will send the draft before the next meeting to committee members, who will submit comments to Susan at least one week prior to the meeting (do not send to all committee members).

**New business**

- Solomon Goldstein-Rose addresses the idea of curbside recycling. One current hauler is offering this as an option for an additional fee (mostly seems to be aimed at Northampton residents because Pedal People in Northampton picks up organic compostables). Sue M. wonders if a neighborhood-based pilot (instead of a hauler-based pilot) would be more effective. The Massachusetts DEP will be starting to institute an institutional food waste ban within the next few years (Susan thinks the start date is 2014. Guilford reminds us that it took years to get "sharps" out of the trash stream.) Simon Elliot pointed out that having residents request that the haulers pick up organics separately may be a way to facilitate this change.
- Laurel asked if there should be an FAQ sheet that is provided to new committee members. Susan pointed out that there is an Amherst history of waste disposal document in the New Members notebook.
- Brenda requested that anyone who did interviews regarding foam with restaurants submit their interview sheets to Sue M.

**TO DO's**

**Susan will send PDF of Survey Monkey report regarding the transfer station.**

**Susan will send committee members a copy of Lynne Pledgers draft of a zero waste proclamation.**

**Laurel will ask Sue Cairn for the “New Member Notebook”.**  
**Sue M. will contact people who conducted interviews with restaurants.**